GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PACKAGE FOR SUGARCANE DUES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a high level meeting was called in the year 2003 in Delhi for resolving the issue of relief package for the outstanding amount of the sugarcane farmers;

(b) If so, the outcome thereof ;

(c) The progress made in regard to settlement of outstanding amount of the sugarcane farmers ;

(d) Whether the Government has constituted or proposes to constitute a committee to deal with the problems of sugarcane producers including payment of dues; and

(e) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : With a view to mitigate the hardship of the sugarcane farmers in respect of the cane price arrears for the 2002-03 sugar season, it was decided that the Central Government would provide a one-time assistance to the State Governments, subject to fulfillment of certain laid down conditions, by permitting them to raise additional market borrowings to be used only for liquidating the cane price arrears of the 2002-03 sugar season and not for any other purpose.

(c) : As on 15.09.2003, cane price payable for 2002-03 sugar season was Rs.13907 crores. This position has been reduced to Rs.2005 crores, as on 15.09.2006.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) : Does not arise.